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Via CM/ECF

The Honorable J. Frederick Motz
United States District Judge
United States District Court for the
District of Maryland
101 West Lombard Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: Raymond Woollard, et al., v. Terrence Sheridan, et al.,
Case No. 1:10-cv-02068-JFM

Dear Judge Motz:

On behalf of the defendants in the above-referenced case, this is to request a status conference. In this case, plaintiffs challenge the constitutionality of a provision of Maryland's statute regarding permits to wear, carry or transport handguns. The Complaint in this case was filed on July 29, 2010. On September 20, 2010, Defendants filed a motion to dismiss, which has now been fully briefed. The motion to dismiss asks the Court to dismiss the Complaint on grounds of abstention, as well as raising questions as to the standing of one of the plaintiffs and making a Rule 12(b)(6) challenge to one of the two counts contained in the Complaint. No discovery has occurred.

On the afternoon of November 11, 2010, plaintiffs' counsel informed defendants' counsel that plaintiffs intend to file a motion for summary judgment by today. Defendants believe that engaging in summary judgment practice at this stage of the litigation is premature, and have communicated that to plaintiffs. Defendants understand that plaintiffs nonetheless intend to file a motion for summary judgment as soon as today.

In light of that, defendants request that the Court hold a status conference in the near future to address the issue of the timing of filing summary judgment motions. Plaintiffs have stated that they do not believe there is any need for a scheduling conference at this time.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Matthew J. Fader

cc: All Counsel of Record (via CM/ECF)